

**THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE OF NORTH RICHMOND**

The Senior/Multicultural Center, 515 Silver Street, Richmond, CA 94801

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**December 22, 2003**

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
(STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2002102057)**

**Proposed Amendment of Land Use Permit  
For the Bulk Materials Processing Center and Related Actions  
At the West Contra Costa Landfill**

Contra Costa County  
Community Development Department  
651 Pine Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, North Wing  
Martinez, CA 94553  
**For the Attention of:** Deidra Dingman  
Solid Waste Program Manager

Dear: Ms Dingman

**The location of a transfer station**

We support the location of the transfer station at the Landfill and not at the Pittsburgh site because the adverse environmental impacts of the processes at the Transfer Station will have a direct impact on the residents of North Richmond. In particular the number of diesel trucks will increase and the emissions from these trucks will increase the likelihood of our children getting asthma, in a community that has one of the highest levels of hospitalization for asthma in Contra Costa County.

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**Mitigation Fees**

We support that mitigation fees of \$2.72 per ton on all solid waste and processible materials be given to the North Richmond community because the following environmental effects will impact the community as a result of the location of the Bulk Materials Processing facility in North Richmond.

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- The odors from Composting process
- Particulate matter from Concrete/Asphalt processing and wood recovery process
- Air pollution from diesel emissions and soot from the trucks
- Soil contamination and degradation of water.
- Noise pollution from the various activities at the landfill/transfer station.
- Some destruction of the wetlands because of the modifications to the shoreline of the San Pablo Bay which may disrupt wildlife habitat and wildlife movement opportunities in the area.

We agree with all the mitigation measures listed on the Environmental Impact Report but will want in addition that a portion of the mitigation fees be dedicated to the health of the community. We shall want the County Health Department to use the funds to work on programs for Asthma and Cancer for the residents of North Richmond with a non-profit Community organization located in North Richmond.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Jones', with a stylized, flowing script.

**Lee Jones**

North Richmond Beautification Committee – **Chair**.